

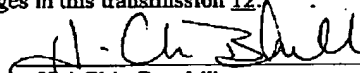
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned has received an Official Communication, mailed on March 30, 2006. In that communication, the Examiner has continued to maintain that the undersigned's previous response is inappropriate, for failing to designate claims 31-38 as withdrawn. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, the undersigned has appropriately revised the response (which accompanies this submission).

A petition for a 4-month extension of time is also submitted herewith. The undersigned's previous response was faxed to the PTO on December 2, 2005. Regrettably, the Examiner waited nearly 4 full months before mailing the latest communication. This unreasonable delay on the part of the Examiner has imposed an undue cost on the Application, and the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner exercise his discretion to re-set the time period for response to minimize the resultant extension fee which has resulted.

No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any additional fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,



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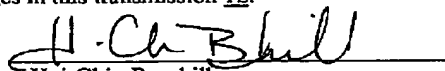
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SUBSTITUTE RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed August 5, 2005 and subsequent communications have been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.